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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 13 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Central African Republic (S/1999/1038)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate (*continued*):

Uzbekistan
Nigeria
Russian Federation
China
Argentina
Ecuador
Costa Rica
Colombia
Kuwait
Uruguay

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 4

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [89] (A/54/181-185, A/54/73 and Add.1, A/54/325)

General debate

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [109] (A/54/3*, A/54/38/Rev.1 (Suppl.), A/54/98, A/54/123-E/1999/66, A/54/124, A/54/156-E/1999/102, A/54/156/Add.1- E/1999/102/Add.1, A/54/224, A/54/225, A/54/341, A/54/342, A/54/352, A/54/405)

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [110] (A/54/124, A/54/264, A/54/354)

Continuation of general discussion

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 130 (Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission: Report of the Secretary-General on the developments relating to the issue of overpayment of mission subsistence allowance and compensatory time off and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/1023 and A/54/418)), 129 (Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola: Report of the Secretary-General on the findings of the Office of Internal Oversight on the procurement process in UNAVEM (A/52/881 and A/53/1018)) and 117 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (a) United Nations peacekeeping operations: (A/53/5 (Vol. II), A/53/932 and A/53/940))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account: Modalities for operating the Account (A/53/945 and A/53/7/Add.12))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	5th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159] (A/54/33, A/54/363, A/54/383)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (UNOMSIL)

2. Draft reports

WORKING GROUP ON THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the theme "Taking Stock of the Reform of the International Financial Architecture" will take place *today*, 13 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panel is in support of the Second Committee's consideration of agenda items 97 (a) (High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development) and 97 (b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries). H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye (Djibouti), Chairman of the Second Committee, will chair the event. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, will be the moderator. The panellists will be Mr. Jack Boorman, Director, Policy Development and Review Department, International Monetary Fund; Mr. Rodrigo Briones, Director, Deutsche Asset Management Americas, Deutsche Bank; Ms. Stephany Griffith-Jones, Senior Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University; and Mr. Martin Mayer, Guest Scholar, Economic Studies, The Brookings Institution.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 13 October 1999

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9.30 am.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
6.15 p.m.-7.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

9.30 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on racial discrimination)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on the external debt crisis and on science and technology)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

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There will be a meeting of the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 13 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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There will be a meeting of interested States to discuss the First Committee draft resolution on illicit trafficking in small arms *today*, 13 October 1999, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room D.

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Seminar

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third and final session of their 1999 series "Sustainable Development in Practice" Session III, entitled "Climate Change Governance: Fifth Session of the Conference of Parties and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations." The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held *today*, and *tomorrow*, 13 and 14 October 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on draft resolutions related to agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held *today*, 13 October 1999, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, as follows: from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on sub-item (a) (Law of the Sea); from 11 a.m. to 11.30 on sub-item (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks); and from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on sub-item (c) (Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas").

Delegations interested in obtaining reporting material on agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) are invited to visit the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at the following address: http://www.un.org/Depts/los

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on agenda item 76 (r) (Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda) *today*, 13 October 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 14 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	34th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 1

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

A briefing on the issue of "Globalization" will be given by Mr. Thomas L. Friedman, Foreign Affairs Columnist of *The New York Times*, followed by an interactive period of questions and answers. The event, organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Thursday, 14 October 1999, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of delegations and Secretariat Staff are invited to attend.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

The Executive Board will hold an informal meeting on the multi-year funding framework for UNICEF on Thursday, 14 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited.

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

Threre will be a meeting of the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations (IAPR) on Thursday, 14 October 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Fareed Zakaria, Managing Editor of *Foreign Affairs*, will be the speaker.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Friday, 15 October 1999, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 37 (Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development), under the chairmanship of Ms. Marcela Nicodemos (Brazil), on Thursday, 14 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Briefings

There will be a briefing on the theme "International Day for the Eradication of Poverty: A Focus on Women", organized by the NGO Section of the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Development and Human Rights Section of DPI and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), on Thursday, 14 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The moderator will be Ms. Carolyn Schuler Uluc, Officer-in-Charge, Public Liaison Service, DPI. Ms. Sonia Felicity Elliott, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Guyana, Ms. Diane Elson, Special Advisor to the Executive Director, UNIFEM, and Ms. Njoki Njehu, Board Member, Jubilee 2000, will be the speakers. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be a briefing, convened by the Chairpersons of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Preparatory Committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", on Thursday, 14 October 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9, on the organization of work of the forty-fourth session of the Commission and the third session of the Preparatory Committee. A non-paper is available at the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Department of the Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1216).

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Seminar

A seminar on "The Development and Reform of Pension Systems", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the International Labour Office, will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. The seminar, held within the framework of preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, will be conducted by Mr. Colin Gillion, Director of the Department of Social Security of ILO. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Steven Miller (tel.: (212) 963-7535).

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Symposium

A symposium on "Nuclear Doctrines", organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations will take place from 20 to 22 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in New York. The nomination form was already sent out to all the permanent missions, with the information note. The registration deadline is *today*, 13 October 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 12 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 4th meeting

Election of officers

The Committee elected Mr. Günther Siebert (Germany), Mr. Kestitis Sadaskas (Lithuania) and Mr. Tarig Ali Bakhit (Sudan) as Vice-Chairmen and Mr. Carlos D. Sorreta (Philippines) as Rapporteur.

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Myanmar, the United Arab Emirates, Norway, Egypt, Oman, Indonesia, Malaysia, Japan, Croatia and Brazil.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United Arab Emirates.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 11th meeting

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [105]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Deputy Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, the Russian Federation, Botswana, Mexico, Norway, Brazil, China, Turkey, Mozambique and Egypt, and by the observer for the Holy See.

Statements were made by the representatives of the World Bank, the World Health Organization and the International Labour Organization.

The representative of the United Nations Children's Fund also made a statement.

12th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 105 and heard statements by the representatives of Romania, Ethiopia, Uganda, Yemen, the Philippines, the United Republic of Tanzania, Kenya, Viet Nam, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Nepal, Tunisia, Japan and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of the item.

Deadline

The Committee agreed to postpone the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under sub-items 97 (d) and (e) to Friday, 15 October, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 8th meeting

Advancement of women [109]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [110]

The Committee continued its consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Liechtenstein, South Africa, Croatia, the Netherlands, Egypt, Indonesia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Guatemala, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ecuador, Venezuela and Peru.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

9th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of the agenda items and 109 and 110 and heard statements by the representatives of Thailand, the Sudan, Colombia, Yemen, China, Ukraine, Mongolia and Ghana.

The representative of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies also made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of the World Bank.

Organization of work

It was announced that action on draft proposal A/C.3/54/L.2, as orally amended by the representative of Portugal, would be taken on Thursday, 14 October, in the afternoon.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-second session [156]

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Italy, the United States, India, Thailand, Colombia, Venezuela, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania, New Zealand, Nigeria, Ecuador and Belarus, as well as by the observer of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

The Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its discussion on the agenda item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. New York, 9 December 1948

Accession: Uzbekistan (9 September 1999)*

Convention on the Political Rights of Women. New York, 31 March 1953

Accession: Turkmenistan (11 October 1999)*

Convention relating to the distribution of programme-carrying signals transmitted by satellite. Brussels, 21 May 1974

Accession: Jamaica (12 October 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. Vienna, 22 March 1985

Accession: Albania (8 October 1999)*

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Montreal, 16 September 1987

Accession: Albania (8 October 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

On the occasion of the International Day of the Eradication of Poverty 1999 and to mark the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, together with the International Movement ATD Fourth World, will hold a commemoration on Friday, 15 October 1999, from 12.45 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. in the United Nations garden. There will be a performance by children of the Tapori Movement and traditional Bolivian music will be performed by Sumaj Chasquis. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited correspondents are invited to attend.

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World Food Day 1999

An observance of the World Food Day 1999, under the theme "Youth Against Hunger", will take place on Tuesday, 19 October 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (immediately following the adjournment of the morning meeting of the Second Committee). Statements will be made by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, the Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Francesco Paolo Fulci, and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Mr. Jacques Diouf. Professor M. S. Swaminathan, Chairman of the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, will be the keynote speaker. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited correspondents are invited to attend.

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